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1. ECONOMIC OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTELS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL JEAN SCHLEICH, WHO WILL REPRESENT LUXEMBOURG AT IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, AND HIS ASSISTANT, J. J. KASEL, WHO HANDLES ENERGY ISSUES. BOTH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR U.S. CONCERN TO RESIST ANY DILUTION OF IEA'S CREDIBILITY AS AN EFFECTIVE AND SERIOUS ORGANIZATION. THEY AGREED THAT FROM POLITICAL VIEWPOINT A REDUCTION IN REQUIRED PERCENTAGE OF UNAVAILABLE OIL STOCKS WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. KASEL POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS NEEDED TO HARMONIZE U.S. AND EUROPEAN MEASUREMENT OF STOCKS, BUT THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLE AND THE TEN PERCENT FIGURE SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED. THE NINETY DAY STOCK COMMITMENT POSES NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE FOR LUXEMBOURG, BUT GOL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY WITH BELGIUM, WHICH IS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF OIL FOR THE LUXEMBOURG MARKET.

2. POINTS REGARDING PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE WERE ALSO CONVEYED. SCHLEICH BELIEVED THAT THE LDCS, ESPECIALLY ALGERIA, WOULD RESIST AN IEA ROLE IN THE MINISTERIAL OF 27 AND THE PREPCON, BUT THAT AN IEA ROLE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE PUT FORWARD. HE SUGGESTED THAT AN IEA ROLE IN THE THREE PROPOSED COMMISSIONS, IN THE CAPACITY OF TECHNICAL ADVISER, MIGHT BE AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE FOR THE LDCS.

3. THE E.C. REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD PLAN A BRIEF ROUND TABLE SESSION MONDAY MORNING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, ALTHOUGH KASEL THOUGHT THIS MAY PROVE MERELY A PRO FORMA EXERCISE. PHILLIPS

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